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Official Diary

Wednesday, 7 January 1953

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1. Inquired of DCI his desires with respect to the briefing of President-elect Eisenhower on Friday and he indicated that [REDACTED] should cancel the appointment since there is "nothing pressing." So instructed [REDACTED]

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2. Reported to DCI on the revolt in Bolivia.

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3. Secured DCI approval to the employment of Admiral Johnson as a consultant. I am requesting [REDACTED] to have the Office of General Counsel prepare a contract similar to that entered into with [REDACTED]

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4. Mr. Amory phoned and suggested that [REDACTED] people would be interested in a SECRET report on the Peripheral Reporting Program of State made by a Mr. Harary under date of November 10, 1952.

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5. With respect to the Watchpot paper, [REDACTED] had the following comments:

a. Kettle and Watchpot are not good terms for an intelligence report and should be replaced. I indicated that I also felt that these terms should be deleted when the paper is disseminated outside the Agency.

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b. [REDACTED] had great difficulty with the term "unevaluated" used in the report and indicated a belief that the term had caused us some embarrassment in connection with the Seattle incident. Even though the term can be said to be, in a sense, a "word of art" within the intelligence community, I have some sympathy with [REDACTED] view as respects non-intelligence consumers. O/CI might well consider alternate terms such as uncollated, unconfirmed, etc., etc.

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c. [REDACTED] felt that the lines on the map running to numerals were confusing and it would be just as simple to have said lines running to the items themselves. I appreciated the force of this comment but queried whether or not O/CI's format had been determined by mechanical difficulties. This might be checked into.

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6. [REDACTED] consulted me about the Supergrade Board. [REDACTED] was replaced by [REDACTED] who is not himself in a supergrade position. [REDACTED] felt that this was inappropriate inasmuch as the Board passes on promotions for supergrade personnel. I indicated that I understood his difficulty and would redesignate [REDACTED] as his Assistant. Later made these arrangements with [REDACTED]

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7. Lunched with [REDACTED] and reported to them on the impressions of my trip. We also discussed possible changes in the NSC organization and among the items considered were:

a. Possible revision of the statute to replace NSRB by an Agency representing the combined domestic production interest of NSRB and ODM.

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b. [REDACTED] felt that the basic NSC Senior Staff Group should be State and Defense with intelligence advice from CIA, military advice from the JCS, and production advice as indicated above. Other Agencies could be called in if and when a matter before the Staff came within their respective jurisdictions. I concurred.

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c. [REDACTED] felt that Senior Staff members should have that job as a full time position. I did not concur with this because I felt that it was important that the NSC Senior Staff member occupy a position of basic responsibility within his own Agency so as to give him a certain amount of weight and responsibility in talking on the Staff. After some discussion it appeared that we were in agreement on positions such as that of Chip Bohlen as Counsellor of the State Department, although we also agreed that the other job could not be permitted to take priority over NSC Staff responsibilities.

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8. [REDACTED] visited me and suggested that it would be helpful to the intelligence side to obtain, from time to time, coordinated field estimates from ICCG [REDACTED] I suggested that he discuss this idea with [REDACTED] Generally, I favor obtaining coordinated local views, although I was inclined to feel that Strategic Division could secure this at present.

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9. Consulted with [REDACTED] and members of his staff on recent developments in O/SI. [REDACTED] took notes of the points discussed and decisions made and I am requesting [REDACTED] to secure a copy for insertion in these minutes. *Appended.*

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10. Attended PRC and with respect to Project [REDACTED] expressed grave reservations as to the current [REDACTED] and also indicated to the committee, and to Allen Dulles subsequently, the need for functional studies rounding up the amount of our resources devoted to [REDACTED] Such functional studies would reveal one phase of our allocation of ~~assets~~ that cannot be shown on country or area plans. I felt that the over-all amount allocated to this purpose was excessive when one considered the results, even though one bore in mind the necessity of retaining a capability in this field.

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